

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A switching device module comprising a frame, the switching device module being adapted to be connected to another switching device module for providing a modular switching device,

wherein the frame of the switching device module ~~is provided with~~ includes one or more wire troughs, each of ~~the wire troughs being which is~~ adapted to receive at least one wire of an auxiliary circuit of said modular switching ~~device-~~ device,

wherein at least one of the wire troughs includes an open longitudinal side facing an exterior of the switching device module, and

wherein the at least one wire trough including the open longitude side is located on a side of the switching device module that is adapted to be positioned against an adjacent switching device module.

2. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame of the switching device module is substantially in the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped, and

wherein the wire troughs are placed inside planes defining the parallelepiped.

3. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame comprises an openable cover part, the cover part constituting at least one wall of at least one of the wire troughs. ~~wire trough.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 3, comprising a main shaft element, ~~[[and]]~~

~~wherein said at least one wire trough having the trough, whose at least one wall [[is]] constituted by the openable cover part, part~~ is substantially parallel with the main shaft element.

5. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 4, wherein said at least one wire trough having the trough, ~~whose at least one wall [[is]] constituted by the openable cover part, part~~ extends linearly through the frame.

6. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 4, ~~wherein comprising at least one of the wire troughs extends wire trough extending~~ substantially perpendicularly relative to the main shaft element.

7. (Currently Amended) A switching device module ~~as claimed in claim 6,~~ comprising a frame and a main shaft element, the switching device module being adapted to be connected to another switching device module for providing a modular switching device.

wherein the frame of the switching device module includes one or more wire troughs, each of the wire troughs being adapted to receive at least one wire of an auxiliary circuit of said modular switching device,

wherein the frame comprises an openable cover part, the cover part constituting at least one wall of at least one of the wire troughs,

wherein said at least one wire trough having the at least one wall constituted by the openable cover part is substantially parallel with the main shaft element,

wherein at least one of the wire troughs extends substantially perpendicularly relative to the main shaft element,

wherein the switching device module comprises a cover side and a bottom side, which are substantially parallel and located opposite each other, the bottom side being adapted to be installed adjacent to a wall of an assembly space, such as a cubicle, and

~~wherein the switching device module comprises at least one~~ of the wire troughs ~~wire trough~~ extending substantially perpendicularly relative to the cover side.

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one wire of ~~[[an]]~~ the auxiliary circuit of the modular switching device ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a wire of a fuse monitor of a switch-fuse.

11. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one wire of ~~[[an]]~~ the auxiliary circuit of the modular switching device ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a wire of an auxiliary contact.

12. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 2, wherein the frame comprises an openable cover part, the cover part constituting at least one wall of at least one of the wire troughs. ~~wire-trough~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim ~~12, comprising at least one wire trough having one~~ 7, wherein at least one of the wire troughs includes an open longitudinal side facing ~~[[the]]~~ an exterior of the switching device module.

14. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 13, wherein the wire trough ~~having one~~ including the open longitude side is located on such a side of the switching device module that is adapted to be positioned against an adjacent switching device module.

15. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim ~~[[14,]]~~ 12, wherein said at least one wire of ~~[[an]]~~ the auxiliary circuit of the modular switching device ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a wire of a fuse monitor of a switch-fuse.

16. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim ~~[[15,]] 12~~, wherein said at least one wire of ~~[[an]] the~~ auxiliary circuit of the modular switching device ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a wire of an auxiliary contact.

17. (New) A switching device module as claimed in claim 7, wherein the at least one wire trough of the at least one wall constituted by the openable cover part extends linearly through the frame.

18. (New) A switching device module as claimed in claim 10, wherein said at least one wire of the auxiliary circuit of the modular switching device comprises a wire of an auxiliary contact.